

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

Under the registration system for Mainland fresh water fish farms for supply to Hong Kong, please advise on the number of fish farms inspected / to be inspected and inspection visits made / to be made, as well as the expenditure and manpower required in each of the past three years (i.e. from 2009 to 2011) and in 2012 respectively.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

The Centre for Food Safety has an inspection team comprising three veterinary officers, eight field officers and one research officer, which is responsible for the inspection of food animal farms and fish farms outside Hong Kong. The team inspected 12, 18 and 18 Mainland fish farms in 2009, 2010 and 2011 respectively, and plans to inspect 18 farms in 2012. The inspections of fish farms in 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 cost \$0.5 million, \$0.6 million and \$0.6 million respectively. The estimated expenditure for 2012-13 is about \$0.6 million.

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